FOCUS Project & Linkage to Care

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- Non-profit 501(c)(3) with 7 facilities across the Tampa Bay Area providing comprehensive health and wellness services
- Community Based Organization with a focus on serving the LGBTQ+ community as well as those infected and affected by HIV
- New location! Flamingo Resort
Services Provided

- Primary Medical Care
- PrEP/nPEP
- Hormone Therapy
- Infectious Disease/HIV Medical Care
- Psychiatry
- Behavioral Health Care & Substance Abuse Services
- Medical Case Management
- Community Health Navigation
- Targeted Outreach & Evidenced Based Prevention Programming
- LGBTQ+ Health & Wellness Community Programming
- Over 100 different programs and services
Metro Health Center

- **Primary Medical Care**
  - 6 providers operating out of 4 locations
  - Clinical care services that speak to the unique needs of the LGBTQ+ Community, including:
    - Primary Medical Care
    - PrEP
    - nPEP
    - STD Testing and Treatment
    - Hormone Therapy

- **Infectious Disease Medical Care**
  - Through partnership (est 2014) with CAN Community Health
  - 6 Infectious Disease Providers seeing patients full-time in 3 locations
  - Providing RW Funded HIV Medical Care
FOCUS Project
Gilead Sciences, Inc.

- Expand care and access to HIV and HCV Screenings
- Reduce the number of undiagnosed individuals
- Decrease the number of individuals diagnosed late
- Ensure strong linkages to care, promoting early engagement and positive health outcomes
- Promote the normalization of screening and reduce stigma
Metro’s FOCUS Project

- HIV & HCV screenings as standard of care across Metro Health Center
- Offering HIV & HCV blood-based screening for all walk-in testing clients
- Shifting from rapid testing to 4th generation testing
  - Ability to detect acute infection
### Metro’s FOCUS Project

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<td>129 Positives Identified</td>
<td>73 HCV Ab+ Identified</td>
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<td>39 HCV RNA Identified</td>
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- Providing Comprehensive Risk Assessment & Integrated Screening for all testing clients
- Identifying High Risk negative individuals and referring for further medical evaluation and Comprehensive Prevention Services
- Still utilizing rapid testing
Collaboration with Tampa General Hospital

- Metro has served as a direct, one-stop linkage resource for identified HIV positive individuals, regardless of insurance status
- Referral to Linkage Case Managers who connect individuals to medical care and Ryan White Funded services
- Follow-up and confirmation of patient attendance